GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:292
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DEPLOYMENT OF AMBULANCES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS .
Singh Shri Chandra Bhushan

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to deploy ambulances with the State-of-the art equipment on every 50 km of completed stretches of national highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether the Government also proposes to introduce a medical insurance coverage for accidents on the National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The present policy of National Highways Authority of India is to deploy an ambulance at an average interval of 50 kms under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build operate Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. This Ministry has also been providing ambulances to States/UTs to evacuate victims of accident to the nearest medical centres under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS).

(c) & (d) Road accidents victims are already covered by the third party insurance under Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.